Small scale units in Kachh Region

368. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of small scale units presently functioning in Kachh Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of small industrial units were closed down in various districts of the Region during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what measures Government propose to take to restart the production in the closed small scale industrial units of Kachh Region in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Though the Government have not conducted the survey of small scale units presently functioning in Kachh Region, the Office of the Developmet Commissioner (Small Scale Industries), had conducted an All-India Census of Small Scale Industries registered upto 31.3.88. The details of the Census finding for the State of Gujarat are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) As per the findings of Second All-India Census of Registered SSI units with reference year 1987-88, is was revealed that 21623 units were found closed/untraceable in various districts of Gujarat state, at the time of survey. In the District of Kachh (Kutch) out of 827 units, 361 units were found closed or untraceable. These units were closed down over a span of 15 years i.e. after the First Census of SSI Units conducted with reference year 1972. The detail are given in the Statement-II (*See* below)

(e) Measures for the rehabilitation of viable sick units are being taken through State Level Inter-Institutional Committee. The State Government have also set up a special Committee for rehabilitation of viable sick units in the small scale sector. Banks are also helping to rehabilitate viable sick units on regular basis. In order to tackle the problem of sickness among the SSI units expeditiously, RBI has advised banks that they should set up cells at important regional centres to deal with sick industrial units and provide experts including technical personnel.

Statement-I

The main findings of the Census for the State of Gujarat

Total No. of SSI Units registered with State Directorate of Industries upto 31-3-1988				58045
No. of Working Units :				36431
Production at current prices : (Rs. in lakhs)				
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	
	274284	305023	358621	
Per unit investment in plant and machinery (Original value): (Rs. lakhs)				1.74
Per unit investment in fixed assets (book value) (Rs. lakhs)				2.58
Employment number (Total)				276955
Employment per Unit (No.)				8
Per unit value added at current prices: (Rs. lakhs)				1.538

Statement-II

The statement showing number of registered, working, closed/non-traceable SSI Units as per finding of Second All India Census

S. No.	District	SIDO Units regd. up to 31-3-1988 (Nos.)	Working units (Nos.)	Closed/ non-traceable units (Nos.)
1	Ahmedabad	15846	8673	7173
2	Amreli	906	543	363
3	Banaskantha	884	620	264
4	Bharuch	2022	1355	667
5	Bhavnagar	2999	1964	1035
6	Dangs	2	2	Nil
7	Gandhinagar	505	308	197
8	Jamnagar	3155	1853	1302
9	Junagadh	1617	1068	549
10	Kheda	2844	1774	1070
11	Kutch	827	466	361
12	Mehsana	2314	1437	877
13	Panch Mahals	1104	737	367
14	Rajkot	7302	5349	1953
15	Sabarkantha	1409	924	485
16	Surat	4277	2725	1552
17	Surendranagar	1614	1001	613
18	Vadodara	4427	2922	1505
19	Valsad	4000	2710	1290
	TOTAL	58054	36431	21623